

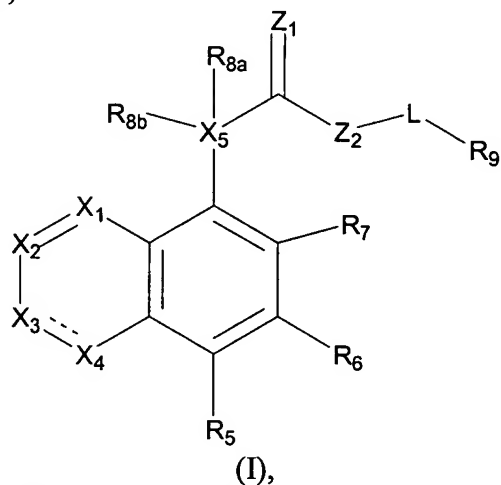
AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(1) Amendment to the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please replace page 236 of the present application with the following page:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Compounds of formula (I)



are novel VR1 antagonists that are useful in treating pain, inflammatory thermal hyperalgesia, urinary incontinence and bladder overactivity, wherein X_1 , X_2 , X_3 , X_4 , X_5 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , R_{8a} , R_{8b} , R_9 , Z_1 , Z_2 and L are as defined in the description.

(2) Amendment to the SUMMARY OF THE PRESENT INVENTION

Please replace paragraph under Formula (I) on page 3, with the following paragraph:

--- or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof, wherein
--- is absent or a single bond;
X₁ is selected from the group consisting of N and CR₁;
X₂ is selected from the group consisting of N and CR₂;
X₃ is selected from the group consisting of N, NR₃, and CR₃;
X₄ is a bond or selected from the group consisting of N and CR₄;
X₅ is selected from the group consisting of N and C;
provided that at least one of X₁, X₂, X₃, and X₄ is N; and provided that when X₄ is
a bond, one of X₁, X₂, or X₃ must be NR;
Z₁ is selected from the group consisting of O, NH, and S;
Z₂ is a bond or selected from the group consisting of NH and O;

L is selected from the group consisting of alkenylene, alkylene, alkynylene, ----

(3) Amendment to the DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENT INVENTION

(i) Please replace first paragraph on page 5, with the following paragraph:

X₁ is selected from the group consisting of N and CR₁;
X₂ is selected from the group consisting of N and CR₂;
X₃ is selected from the group consisting of N, NR₃, and CR₃;
X₄ is a bond or selected from the group consisting of N and CR₄;
X₅ is selected from the group consisting of N and C;
provided that at least one of X₁, X₂, X₃, and X₄ is N; and provided that when X₄ is
a bond, one of X₁, X₂, or X₃ must be NR;
Z₁ is selected from the group consisting of O, NH, and S;
Z₂ is a bond or selected from the group consisting of NH and O;
L is selected from the group consisting of alkenylene, alkylene, alkynylene,

(ii) Under "Definition of Terms":

After first two lines of page 26, please add the following paragraphs:

The term "1-azepanyl" as used herein, means a 7-membered ring wherein one of the atoms is nitrogen.

The term "1-azocanyl" as used herein, means a 8-membered ring wherein one of the atoms is nitrogen.